



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Silver Spring, MD 20910

PLEASE HOLD THE DATE!
ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES
ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
April 5-7, 2011

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on April 5-7, 2011, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Information on the venue and agenda will be provided at a later date. The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks.

NMFS plans to discuss Atlantic bluefin tuna management, implementation of 2010 ICCAT measures, an update on recreational monitoring methods for HMS fisheries, vessel monitoring systems and potential regulatory changes, a summary of the Future of the Shark Fishery workshops and other shark issues, and permitting and management options for swordfish and smoothhound in the trawl fisheries. The meeting may also continue discussions of other potential changes to the management of Atlantic HMS fisheries including electronic dealer reporting, revitalizing the swordfish fishery, and items contained in the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that published on June 1, 2009 (74 FR 26174). Additional details including an agenda will be made available prior to the meeting.

This email notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fisheries interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information related to HMS, please call 301-713-2347 or see the HMS web page at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.

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